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A mother's warning

Following son's overdose. Carleen Milburn says province needs to do better



Catching fun

Fire department holds annual fishing derby on sunny Sunday morning



Slip sliding away

Not all the kids made it down the hill at the Downhill Dash at Kinmount Winterfest Feb. 26. The day featured other fun stuff including a pancake breakfast, fur harvester demonstration and more. Photos on page 5. **Chad Ingram** Staff

Housing group buys second property

Without public funding, rent may be higher, affordable housing organization says, following purchase of home in Carnarvon

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

Places for People will be going it alone with a project in

The not-for-profit housing corporation was shot down in its request for rent supplements by county councillors last week, but will be going ahead with the purchase of duplex just off Highway 35 in the small community.

"This is only private [funding] money," said organization president Fay Martin, emphasizing that the lack of assistance from the municipal government will mean a higher level of rent. "We can't afford to house the poorest of the

Much of the money involved is coming from a private investor who Martin said wishes to remain anonymous, but who residents would be able to recognize "by the halo over her head."

Places for People has also been successful in attaining a \$50,000 loan from the Haliburton County Development

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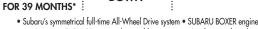
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Carnarvon duplex will be ready for renters as soon as May, Martin says

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Corporation, \$10,000 of which will be used for renovations on the building and \$40,000 of which will be used to bring down the mortgage.

"We just need to pay it back," Martin said, which is something her organization will be doing through community

Because of its successful project with the former Orange Lodge in Haliburton Village, Martin said it was relatively easy for the organization to get a mortgage this time around.

With its first project, funding had been more available, but the mortgage more difficult to maintain.

The duplex, purchased through power of sale, will allow the organization to house two families.

Places for People had been looking at a property on Minden's Bobcaygeon Road, but Martin said the Carnarvon project means the one in Minden will not be happen-

County councillors were finalizing a tight 2012 budget when Martin made her request at county council last week and a number of councillors also took issue with Carnarvon as a location because of its lack of a grocery store and distance from resources.

Martin is hopeful tenants may be able to move into the Carnarvon location as soon as May.

See page 11 for coverage of county council's decision on rent supplement.

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ATVer charged with assaulting officer

An OPP officer was dragged across the road by an ATV driver he pulled over on the weekend.

A 27-year-old man from Algonquin Highlands has been charged with several offenses including assault with a weapon, assault a police officer and fail to remain at the scene of an accident following the Feb. 25 incident.

According to police, the ATV was stopped near Highway 118 and Stanhope Airport Road at about 8 p.m.

After speaking briefly, the man tried to flee, pulling the officer behind him.

He was caught soon after and taken into custody.

The officer was taken to the Minden hosptal with nonlife-threatening injuries and was released.

The accused is to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden, on April 4 to deal with these charges.

Man with kids in back of pick-up charged with drunk driving

A 38-year-old Hamilton man is facing an impaired driving charge after Haliburton OPP approached him about the children in the box portion of his vehicle.

On Feb. 23, police noticed the man in Dorset with kids in the truck. After talking to the man, they noticed he had been drinking.

The man is charged with impaired driving and operating a motor vehicle with more than 80 mgs of alcohol in his blood. He will appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on April 4 to deal with the charges.

Fire prevention materials in the works



Council discusses increasing education and outreach components of local fire dept

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

Minden Hill is heating up its fire safety education.

During a Feb. 23 council meeting, Reeve Barb Reid asked fire chief Doug Schell what his department had planned for educating the public about fire safety for the year.

Referencing a fire conference she and Schell had attended recently, Reid emphasized the importance of homes to have smoke detectors and for people to create

She also said something people might not realize is that the air-tight construction of new homes actually intensifies house fires.

"What are we going to do in 2012?" she asked. Schell said firefighters went to schools, speaking with students from kindergarten to Grade 4, but that the program could be expanded to include higher grade levels as well.

There are also drop-in opportunities at the fire hall during some community events.

Reid wondered if there would be room in the envelopes of this year's tax bill to send out some kind of fire safety bro-

The treasurer said yes and Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch, whose portfolio includes the fire department, said something was already in the works.

Schell said that children who have grown up learning fire safety have shown they retain the information.

"They start to remember this stuff," he said.

Correction

An article published in the Feb. 15 issue of the Times regarding a CUPE press conference on long-term care stated the minimum care standard was 2.25 hours.

There is currently no minimum standard of care required by the government and the number should have referred to the average amount of care given by long-term care work-

Long-term care workers are hoping to introduce a minimum standard of care of 3.5 hours.



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Bereaved mother wants system changed

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Becomes an advocate following son's overdose

Chad Ingram Staff reporter

Carleen Milburn doesn't want other parents to experience the pain she's been

Milburn's son, Jarrett, died of a drug overdose last March and Milburn says Ontario's law enforcement and legal systems need to change in order to better protect people who become addicted to substances.

Jarrett's problems with drugs started in his Grade 9 year at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, where Milburn says he got in with the wrong crowd.

"He got suspended, he thought that was a big deal," she says, seated in the kitchen of her Minden home.

Before his Grade 9 year was over, Jarrett had developed an addiction to the chemical drug ecstasy and had dropped out of school.

The next 13 years - Jarrett was 26 when he died last March - were marked by increasing addiction, with Jarrett getting hooked on all kinds of drugs, heroin and the prescription opiate Oxycontin among them.

Jarrett turned to crime, mostly theft and robbery, to feed his narcotics addiction.

Finding himself before a judge often, he was in and out of prison numerous times, so many times that Milburn lost count.

During these years, Jarrett had no fixed address and Milburn constantly worried about her son.

"Is my son in a ditch?" she asks, wiping tears from her eyes. "Is he cold?"

The family also sent Jarrett to rehab centres, although that proved ineffective.

"You try everything you can to get him help," Milburn says.

As someone who isn't ashamed to say she is a recovering alcoholic, she's aware how severe addiction's grasp can be.

Jarrett's battle with drugs came to end on March 23 of last year, while partying at a Minden home Milburn says was well known as a drug house, which has since burned down.

However, in the days leading up to his death, she says she saw a glint in her son that something was different and she was optimistic things were about to change for

Jarrett had been released from his latest stint in jail on Sunday, March 20 and had

come by his mom's house, where he'd given her a poem he'd written for her.

"I could feel something different in him," she says. "He'd never written me poems

Milburn's understanding of her son's last hours come from what his girlfriend told her and police reports.

Despite his seemingly improved demeanour, Jarrett ended up back at that drug house in Minden on the night of Tuesday, March 22, where she says he was crushing and snorting pills and drinking.

According to Milburn, Jarrett was found on the floor of the house the next day, in nothing but a pair of boxer shorts.

She says he laid there for hours, dead, while people who he thought of as his friends ignored and walked over him.

"That's how he went out in the end," she says. "They chose to ignore him." When someone did finally make a phone call, it wasn't to emergency services but to Jarrett's girlfriend. She and a friend phoned 911 and then Milburn, who says her son was officially pronounced dead at the Minden hospital.

Eleven months after Jarrett's death, Milburn has become a one-woman advocate calling herself Mother Against Needless Narcotics Addiction (MANNA) and will be lobbying for changes in the way addicts are handled by the police and the courts.

"Cops need to get off their ass," Milburn says, claiming that police are more than aware of who local dealers are and where to find them, but seem unable to do anything about the problem. "But what do they do about it? They say, 'our hands are tied.' They didn't do anything to help."

Milburn says she plans to press charges of negligence causing death against both the police and the people who were with Jarrett when he died.

"The legal system is a big, big roadblock,"

While he was in court frequently, Milburn says Jarrett, a proven repeat offender, was usually given "slap on the wrist" sentences of no more than a month.

Since a more extended sentence could have included rehab, she says she would ask judges to lock her son up for longer periods of time.

"I begged," she says.

Milburn says the criteria of the welfare system also needs to be tightened, so that able-bodied, 20-somethings can't just walk in and get money they will turn around and

"This isn't revenge," she says of her crusade. "This is justice."



Chad Ingram Times staff

Carleen Milburn holds a picture of herself with son Jarrett, who died of a drug overdose last year at age 26. Milburn says the province needs to improve the way it deals with people who are addicted to substances.

Lawrence wants name removed from centre

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

Sharon Lawrence is demanding that Minden Hills township remove the name "R.D. Lawrence" from the cultural centre building bearing her late husband's name, as well as all township billboards, brochures and websites.

Her request stems from the township's restructuring of R.D. Lawrence Place from an institution focused largely on the literary work of author, biologist and activist Ron Lawrence, to one concentrating more on his scientific accomplishments and offering interactive exhibits.

Earlier in the month, Lawrence had threatened to pull the collection of artifacts associated with her late husband from the centre.

However, the township produced deeds of gift signed

by Lawrence where she unconditionally donates the items over to the municipality.

Last week, Lawrence told the *Times* that even though more items had been donated since the signing of the documents, she would not be battling the township for possession of the collection.

However, as owner of the copyright to her late husband's written works, Lawrence, who says his name has been disrespected by the township, wants it removed from all municipal property.

She explains her request in a lengthy, Feb. 21 letter to Minden Hills council, a copy of which was obtained by the *Times*.

"The original 2006 R.D. Lawrence literary collection, personal belongings and memorabilia may remain at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, within the museum in the same fashion the Andre Lapine art collection remains in

the care of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery," Lawrence wrote. "However, this recent attempt to 're-brand' the collection/building without any discussion or permission is illegal under copyright law as well as disrespectful to the name 'R.D. Lawrence.' The removal of the name 'R.D. Lawrence Place' from the building, signage, all print media and the website leaves the sustainable building to be used at the township's discretion, however, to avoid further legal issues, the collection must be properly catalogued, maintained and preserved and prior written permission must be obtained by Sharon Lawrence for any further interest in use of the name 'R.D. Lawrence' or any variation of the Lawrence name in any capacity."

The name must be removed within 30 days, the letter said.

The *Times* had not received a response to the demand from the township at press time.

Cultural centre committee explains changes at RDLP

The following was submitted by the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Advisory Committee

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre Advisory Committee is appointed by the Township of Minden Hills council and is to advise the council and staff on programming, buildings, marketing, policies and budget for the Cultural Centre which includes the Agnes Jamieson Gallery and the R.D. Lawrence Place

The purpose of this article is to put forward facts about how the R.D. Lawrence Place began, how it has developed over the past four years and what the new direction may be. It needs to be understood that there are procedures in place to deal with changes.

It takes time for staff and the committee to work with council to deal with certain issues before it can be brought to the public.

In 2006, the township was approached by Sharon Lawrence with a collection of R.D. Lawrence's belongings. The collection

was bestowed to the Minden Hills Museum. A gift of deed was signed at this time. The museum curator arranged for the collection to be appraised, which was paid for by the township. A second part of the collection was brought in three years later and again, a gift of deed was signed, and the township paid for it to be appraised. Tax receipts were issued over a period of three years to Sharon Lawrence for the donation of the collection

The township undertook the building of a sustainable building, built by Fleming College, and the doors were officially opened in the spring of 2008.

The R.D. Lawrence Place houses a collection of R.D. Lawrence's objects, which consist of manuscripts, research, personal items, photos, artwork, books and articles. The sustainable building was an excellent fit with this collection as R.D. Lawrence's award-winning writings thematically concentrated on Canadian wildlife and environment.

Sharon Lawrence was contracted as a consultant each year. Over the four years that R.D. Lawrence Place operated many things came to be realized through comments made by visitors and community members. It was not easy to explain what the R.D. Lawrence Place was. A place dedicated to reading and writing for the deepening of respect for nature did not lend enough clarity for potential visitors.

This caused difficulty for marketing. What was being offered in programming was only a fraction of what could be done. Trying to offer a place where people were writing and reading conflicted with those visiting to see exhibits and the building

to the point where writing workshops are now being held in the common room (between the library and the gallery).

For funding purposes R.D. Lawrence Place needs to define itself. A museum is a building in which objects of historical or scientific interest are stored and exhibited.

Recognizing the building houses a collection of R.D. Lawrence's items, as well as others to be added in years that reflect the mandate, classifies it as a museum. The historic home of Stephen Leacock, a Canadian writer, in Orillia, is known as the Stephen Leacock Museum. A museum can be of historical objects or modern contemporary items - such as the Ontario Science Centre or Museum of Civilization.

Classifying it as a museum also allows the township to work towards fulfilling certain requirements that will potentially bring in additional funding to directly offset operational costs, like that of the Minden Hills Museum.

A literary centre, in itself, does not hold enough interest to visitors. In order to make the building more viable, and to sufficiently represent the heritage which Sharon Lawrence has given to the Canadian people, it needs to offer more diverse programming. In understanding that R.D. Lawrence was an important and complex person it stands to reason more can be offered, and in the topic of biology, environment and research the programming opportunities are immense. Also, and most importantly, however, the opportunity for funding is better. Federal and provincial, as well as private and public foundations, are offering funding for environmental initiatives.

In order to draw more interest to a wider audience the idea is to create programming that, for example, brings forward new technological innovations for environmental preservation, have workshops on sustainability, exhibitions on what are the biggest concerns and environmental issues and highlight the unique environment in Haliburton County. The community is increasing in organizations that are supporting this theme, such as EH!, Kinark, Stewardship Council, Land Trust, Yours Outdoors, Junior

Naturalists, Water Festival, Abbey Gardens, Horticultural Society and environmental businesses (geothermal, solar panel, wind/water power etc.).

Another aspect that is being considered is making efforts to collaborate with the Haliburton County Public Library's Minden branch. There is opportunity to further the literary aspect by working with the library.

Presently there is only one other environment museum in North America called the Biosphere Environment Museum, which is a federally operated museum in Montreal.

Environment museums are going to be the new trend in museums that are interested in daily discovery versus heritage preservation like a pioneer village.

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Frosty fun in **Kinmount**

Photos by **Chad Ingram**

Families gathered in Kinmount on Feb. 26 for the community's annual Winterfest. From a pancake breakfast to skating to antique snowmobiles to the popular Downhill Dash homemade toboggan competition, there was something for everyone.







Far left, the Minden Fur Harvesters were preparing to skin this beaver.

Above, Wyatt Brown tries his hand at a moose call.

Left, this was the winning sled in the seven-and-under category in the Downhill Dash event.



Model Ts come to Minden

Chad Ingram Staff reporter

A herd of classic Ford Model Ts will be descending on Minden for the May long weekend.

Ethel and Charles Muli visited Minden Hills councillors at their Feb. 23 council meetings, explaining their plans for the use of the Minden fairgrounds and requesting waiving of fees.

The Mulis are part of a Model T club with members from Ontario and Michigan that will be exploring Haliburton County during its 25th annual tour May 25 through 27.

"It's our intention to use the fairgrounds as the base camp for the tour," Ethel told councillors, explaining the group would be visiting attractions such as Haliburton Forest, the Stanhope Airport, various artists' studios and the log chute at Big Hawk

With 25 to 30 vehicles and some 100 people in the area for the weekend, Ethel estimated the area would see an economic impact of \$7,000 or more.

The Mulis requested the waiving of a four-day rental fee for half the fairgrounds to the tune of about \$400, as well as the

\$600 rental of the township's marquee tent and \$100 to erect the tent.

Councillor Brigitte Gall questioned whether the event is a charitable one, which it is not, and Councillor Lisa Schell wondered what concessions had been made in the past for similar events.

"We haven't had one exactly similar to this," said community services director Rick Cox, although he compared it to family reunion, an event that the township would not normally waive fees for.

Reeve Barb Reid pointed out that traditionally, the township has only waived rental fees for charitable organizations.

"We're going against our policy, just so everybody's clear," Reid said.

Councillor Ken Redpath said he thought council should stick to the regular policy.

"If we grant this request, where do we go from here?" he asked.

Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch was looking for a middle ground, saying she wanted to see as many groups as possible use the grounds, but that the township also needed

In the end, councillors voted to drop the rent for the entire event to \$150 (representing an approximate \$250 loss for the township), but keep in place the fees for the

There is also a smaller tent in Irondale the group could rent for \$250.



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points of view

our editorial

The right call

AST WEEK, COUNTY councillors decided that without a partnership from the City of Kawartha Lakes, Haliburton County will not likely proceed with a bid to host the 2014 Ontario Youth Summer

It was a good decision. As most readers will recall, the county successfully played host to the 2011 Winterfest Ontario Seniors' Games last Feb-

The event went off with hardly a hitch and proved this community could facilitate an event of that

The summer youth games, however, are much greater in scope.

While Winterfest drew approximately 1,000 athletes and spectators to the county, for the youth games, that number would be about 3,500.

I know what some of you are thinking - perfect.

More people in the area means more money for local businesses. What's the problem?

The problem, quite potentially, is not being able to find enough volunteers to properly pull off the youth games.

Winterfest required 300 plus volunteers to make it work. At three times the size, the youth summer games would require about 1,000 volunteers.

The county has a robust volunteer base and I'm not for a second trying to disparage that.

I am suggesting, though, that this small community might be hardpressed to find 1,000 volunteers, espe-

cially for an event that would take place during the busy summer season.

While a couple of Winterfest events took place outside the county - 10pin bowling, for example, had to be done in Peterborough - it is conceivable that at least four or five of the sports for the 2014 event would have to take place in the City of

Kawartha Lakes, using lawn-bowling facilities, as well as ball diamonds, a rugby field and a running track down

The lack of local facilities plus the potential shortfall of volunteers makes partnering with the City of Kawartha Lakes a logical conclusion.

It would be more damaging for Haliburton County to bite off more than it can chew and do a second-rate job of hosting the games than to simply pass on hosting the games altogether.

As was said at last week's meeting, there will be other games, and if our neighbour to the south does not wish to partner on the 2014 event, sitting it out is the right call.



Chad Ingram Reporter

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Bacterial Culture

letters to the editor

Unhappy with shopping locally

To the Editor,

For 18 years I have been an avid supporter of local business. I have always tried to shop locally as much as possible unlike many I know who travel out of town for savings and selection.

Our household spends a fair amount of money on groceries monthly.

Over the past couple years we have been getting more unhappy with our shopping

Service is less than exceptional, freshness and variety seem to get worse.

In a last minute shop I noticed a few items in the sale flyer were needed for a gettogether I was hosting. Going to my local store I picked up some of these items only to be told these were not on sale at this location and had to go to a parent company store for

see WAKE page 8

Hydro rates are outrageous

To the Editor,

My husband and I, along with the majority of Hydro One users, are frustrated with the outrageous increases in our hydro bills with no end in sight. This prompted us to contact our MPP's office. This letter is in response to their written reply to our concerns, and is addressed to the Ontario Energy Board per their suggestion.

I have implemented your suggestions to reduce our power consumption. Our electronics are on power bars to eliminate phantom power when these items are turned off. We prepare meals for the week in advance on the weekends to take advantage of the lower rates. We hang our clothes up to dry, summer and winter. We've even switched from an electric stove to propane.

Even using all of these cost-saving meas-

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Going up

¬HOUGH I STILL have to deal with telemarketers, there's no doubt that technology is moving forward at an exponential rate. A fine example is the latest proposal by a Japanese company to build a 22,370 mile high elevator into space.

The dream, which could be reality by 2050, is to build an elevator tube tethered to a space station. Just hop on and ride it for two weeks until you arrive. Then visit for a bit or travel further to the moon. The advantage is that it requires no training. You just ride an elevator.

But, what about the disadvantages? I worked in the city and had to ride elevators several times a day, so I think I know what I'm talking about

Imagine, for instance, that you and several other people board the elevator. Suddenly, someone runs up and asks you to hold the door while he and his buddy load a couch, a lava lamp, a crate with an incontinent cat

and a couple of end tables to take up to the space station. This kind of thing has happened on almost every elevator ride I've ever been on, by the way. Frankly, I'm not sure I could handle it for two weeks.

The designers also failed to take into account is the general awkwardness of elevator rides. I can't even imagine just standing there with my eyes locked straight to the front for a full fortnight.

It could only be worse if, say on day

looking straight at you.

Naturally, you'd be shocked that they thought it was you, especially because the guy in the corner is snick-

ering and staring at his shoes.

But, of course, elevator etiquette would only allow you to furtively point and whisper, "I think it was that guy." And, of course, no one would believe you because he's wearing a suit.

Then there are food associated problems. Say the people on the station ordered a pizza or Chinese.

You'd actually have to ride an elevator for two weeks with the delivery guy, smelling that delicious take-out the

elevators than just technology. What if kids get on before you and press every button between the ground floor and the space station? That trip could take an eternity.

Or what if the person you stood up for lunch gets on? You can only hide behind a newspaper for so long, right?

Any way you look at it you're probably in for a really uncomfortable ride. Sure, technology has come a long way and we're now capable of engineering an elevator to the moon.

But who could endure elevator music, every minute for 14 days in a

Call me old school, but I see myself as more of a stairway to heaven kind of guy.

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three, you detected a horrible odour whole way. only to look up and see everyone As you can see, there's far more to

Oh dear, what will the weather be?

Neil Campbell

Steve Galea

Beyond 35

'T IS THE FIRST thing we have been doing each February morning of

Before the geezer's pills. Before the bowser's walk. Before the oatmeal.

We checked out the weather, not by looking out the window as any sensible person would, but by booting up the laptop.

One site gives us the week to come, another looks two weeks into the

What we are looking for is clues, clues to when our sugar maples will stir themselves out of their winter slumber and start the sap flowing.

Even weathermen admit that looking more than three or four days into the future is a mug's game. The outlook for the 14th day keeps changing as it draws closer and the two forecasts often disagree on the day after tomor-

What we keep looking for is the first mild day after a cool overnight. We started looking early in this year in which climate change seems to have imported a winter from Ohio.

Real Haliburton cold has been rare indeed, most daytimes hovering around the freezing mark and, though we have snow on Sapsucker Ridge, we are confused by the winter.

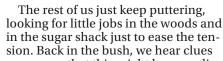
Confused by the weather, by drill holes that spewed sap at Madoc in January, by news of January first boil-

ings south of London, by rumours of a mid-February boil near Norland.

Only Godfrey and Jean Tyler remain calm. Their 90-year family history with maple syrup has taught them patience. They were still cutting firewood on Old Donald Hill a couple of days

Back of Beyond Most of us ought to be patient. There will be 217 taps this year on Sapsucker Ridge and we can get them all done the day before the first run, as can anybody with only a few hundred taps, although it takes Alan Clark of Devil's Lake a little longer with his old-fashioned brace and bit.

Things are a little different for a real commercial operation. If you have 3,200 taps, like Camp Can-Aqua at Cardiff, you need four or five days in the bush, so Al King began last week. Eric Thompson planned to start this week on his 1,700 taps at Maple Moon near Haliburton.



that this might be no ordinary year.

Other years, it always seemed to be in the wee, small hours of some March morning that I stepped out the sugar-shack door to hear spring's gurgle of water flowing over the beaver dam nearby.

Some years I might have been too distracted to notice the upstream pond

bursting its shackles, but there was never the sound of running water in the third week of February - until this vear.

The whistling of the chickadees, the rat-tat-tat of the woodpeckers, the who-cooks-for-you-all of the barred owl, all spring love songs sung far too early.

As this is being written, Environment Canada makes Friday warm enough for the first run on Sapsucker Ridge. The Weather Network is more cautious.

An old Maple Leaf coach named

Mike Nykoluk used to begin his answer to every reporter's question with, "Ya never know," and that's how it is with

My eight years of good records show a run as early as the last day of a leapyear February, a Feb. 29 like today, and the first good run on March 2.

Prime time is supposed to be the third week of March but in 2008, the first real run was on April Fool's Day.

Two years later, the season was over before April Fool's Day, the earliest in anybody's memory.

The Brown Dog Jiggs and I putter and my friend Randy waits for the call to bring his cordless drill.

The Brown Dog Jiggs and I walk the woods each morning, looking at the trees, but we cannot will them into running.

In 1922, there were no laptops, but there were clues all around the Tylers for anybody who could see them.

My generation was taught not to notice.

I wish I were more in tune with nature. The sap will run when the leaf on a pussy willow is the size of a mouse's ear.

How big is a mouse's ear, anyhow?

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letters

Wake up, business owners

from page 6

the savings.

Needless to say, I put everything back and drove out of town to shop. While there, not only was I treated better, but I spent more and went into and spent money in two other stores, which I wouldn't have done staying in Minden.

When I arrived home I realized we have spent a lot preparing for our guests and didn't buy a thing in town.

This is not how to make our town prosper.

Was it worth my time and gas to leave town? Unfortunately, yes.

Will I do it again? Very likely.

Wake up, business owners.

There are so many easy ways to improve.

You need to start treating every customer as if they are about to hand you a winning lottery ticket.

Craig Birchall Lutterworth

Minden ice racers say thank you

To the Editor,

Despite the cancellation of the first annual Paul Shepard memorial races on Family Day Monday, the racers from the CASC - OR Magnum Ice Race Championship did not give up on the idea of raising funds for the community they have enjoyed for nearly four decades. Over the regularly scheduled races on Saturday and Sunday they brought with them over the weekend a half truck load of food items and raised, along with a \$300 donation from the Minden Kin Club, \$965 for the Minden Food Bank.

I think that there is sufficient interest to make this an annual endeavour, Way to go guys!

Andy Hughes CASC-OR Ice Race Director Gelert



Cars round the bend at the Minden ice races at a special track on the fairgrounds last weekend. This photo was taken by rookie photographer,

Hydro One customers are frustrated

from page 6

ures, my bills are still increasing. I get up extra early in the morning to have my shower and do a load of laundry before the on-peak hours begin. What you don't mention is how the water heater is working its hardest at a much higher rate as it begins its work after the shower and laundry is complete.

In order to run our households economically, it sounds as if we should all be up in the middle of the night and falling asleep at our jobs during the day. The very jobs we so desperately need now in order to keep our lights on. Yes, the same lights that we are all afraid to use without carefully doing the math first.

In the letter I received from the office of former Liberal MPP Rick Johnson it said these price increases are expected to mod-

erate in five years. How many times last year did hydro rates increase? How many increases are we expected to get this year? Whether a result of an increase to the delivery charge, a kilowatt per hour charge or the addition of the HST, the bottom line is, how many of these absurd increases can we be expected to endure?

We are discouraged, we are frustrated, yet we are working with you the best we can, please find a way to work with us.

Links to our online petition can be found on our website, https://sites.google.com/site/averagemanpetition.

Dave and Val Roylance Lochlin

Any day fishing is a good day



The weather co-operated for the fish derby held by the Minden Hills fire department on Pigeon Lake on Sunday. Some housed themselves in huts, while others fished from the outdoors.



Chad Ingram Staff

Larry Case had caught a small fish, but said any day he was fishing was a good day.



Brody Prentice was waiting for a bite during the annual Fire and Ice Family Fish Derby hosted by the Minden Hills fire department on Pigeon Lake on Feb. 26.

Hot off the press: 2012 Haliburton Highlands Destination Guide

After months of preparation, the County of Haliburton's tourism and marketing and Parker Pad & Printing Ltd. are proud to announce the release of the 2012 Haliburton Highlands Destination Guide.

A total of 50,000 copies were printed earlier this week by Parker Pad & Printing Ltd. and are set to hit shelves across the county and the province.

Copies are already being handed out at The Outdoor Adventure Show in Toronto, which runs through this weekend. This year's 72-page guide places an emphasis on the county's slogan "A Natural Work of Art" and features sections on experience tours, camping, the arts, events in all seasons, local accommodators and more. In an attempt to promote the four seasons equally, two different covers have been utilized - one with a photograph of a kayaker and the other with a skier lounging in an Adirondack chair on a snow-covered dock.

Other new additions include a foldout centre spread highlighting each of the county's four municipalities and townships, while the back inside cover contains a twopage fold-out map of the Haliburton Highlands. A total of 94 advertisers participated in this year's edition.

To enhance the guide's overall attractiveness, a number of high-quality photographs were used.

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Consultants proposing to bid are invited to attend an onsite meeting to discuss and review all materials on Monday, February 13th, 2012 at the Minden Hills Municipal Office, 7 Milne St., Minden, Ontario on the Second Floor in the Boardroom at 1:00 p.m. We would kindly ask that you RSVP to Laura Cunliffe @ lcunliffe@mindenhills.ca if you are attending.

Tenders will be received in a SEALED envelope clearly marked "Minden Hills Village Development Master Plan" no later than Friday, March 9th, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. as set out in the RFP, addressed to Minden Hills Municipal Office, 7 Milne St., Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

For further information please direct your inquiries to (705) 286-1260 ext 215 - Laura Cunliffe, Interim Clerk (Icunliffe@mindenhills.ca) - www.mindenhills.ca

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MEETINGS AND EVENTS

March 6 7:30pm Events

Committee meeting at

MindenCommunity Centre

Committee of the Whole/ March 8

General Committee meeting

(10:00 am public session)

March 29 Council Meeting

(10:00 am public session)

March 31st 8:30pm Earth Hour

April 12th Committee of the Whole/

General Committee meeting

(10:00am public session)

Council Meeting **April 26th**

(10:00am public session)



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- Cemetery Division 8. Landscaping services, Minden Cemetery (Columbaria) - Ref # 2012-CSD-006
- 9. Landscaping services, Twelve Mile Cemetery (Columbaria) Ref # 2012-CSD-
- 10. Roof shingle removal/replacement, Twelve Mile Cemetery Vault Ref # 2012-CSD-008

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Deadline for response March 26, 2012 12:00 pm

Tender opening: March 26, 2012 2:15 pm, Minden Hills Municipal Office Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. The Township of Minden Hills reserves the right to award tenders separately or together, and to inspect materials or equipment before finalizing the purchase.

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County passes on rent supplement

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

County council has turned down a request from Places for People to help with rent supplements on a duplex the not-forprofit housing corporation was eyeing in Carnarvon (see front page story on the recent purchase of the property).

Councillors made the decision after a visit from Places for People president Fay Martin during their Feb. 22 meeting.

Martin's presentation came on the heels of another by Hope Lee, manager of the joint housing corporation for the county and City of Kawartha Lakes.

Lee was there to inform councillors about a rent supplement program, through which the two municipalities would share costs in subsidies for renters of low-income, affordable

The cost-sharing is based on assessed property value. For non-profit buildings, the county would pick up 38 per cent of the supplement and the city 62 per cent.

For units owned by the municipal housing corporation, the county would be responsible for nine per cent of subsidy, with the city picking up the remaining 91 per cent.

Martin was hoping the county would utilize the program to help residents at the Highway 35 duplex her organization was looking at purchasing. It is just inside Algonquin Highlands township.

"It would be suitable for families," Martin said.

She was hoping the county would include eight months of rent supplement money in its 2012 budget and noted an investor interested in the project needed an answer by the beginning of March.

Dysart et al Reeve and county Warden Murray Fearrey had some issues with the request.

"You don't give us a lot of time," Fearrey said.

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The county is in the process of finalizing a tight budget for

The warden also noted the county was already making a sizable contribution to affordable housing this year, with \$190,000 towards the the 24-unit complex to be constructed just outside Haliburton Village.

The province and feds are picking up the majority of costs for that project. Fearrey also took issue with the location of Carnarvon.

"How are they going to get their kids to the arena?" he asked. "The transportation will be the next thing."

The warden also questioned how many local employment opportunities the small community has to offer.

Martin said she thought tenants might be able to find work right in Carnarvon, however a number of councillors questioned the suitability of the location.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen pointed out that Carnarvon has corner stores but not a proper gro-

"While this may not be perfect, it is adding to affordable housing for families in Haliburton County," said Martin. "I think you can cut us some slack on that."

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid wondered about a Bobcaygeon Road property Places for People had been looking at recently and while Martin said there was still potential there, financial and timeline concerns had her organization looking

The Carnaryon building was made available through power of sale. In the end, uncomfortable with the fact the decision would mean a commitment of thousands of dollars a year for a number of years, councillors passed.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt suggested Places for People may want to look at Dorset, which has a grocery, as a location in the future and Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton said he'd like to see a project in his municipality.

Places for People may look at community fundraising options for the Carnarvon project.

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County looks to partner with Kawartha Lakes on games

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

Haliburton County will be looking to the City of Kawartha Lakes to partner with it on its bid for the 2014 Ontario Youth Summer

Without the partnership of its neighbour to the south, it's likely the county will not go ahead with its bid.

At their Feb. 22 meeting, county councillors heard from Dennis Casey, who they are eyeballing to put together the bid proposal for the county. As Casey explained, there is a rather lengthy list of requirements the county would have to meet, including new minimum standards for facilities and thorough analysis of each event site.

"A lot of the standards we can meet," Casey said, but added there are some events that would have to take place outside the county.

Because a rubberized track is required for running events, those would have to take place at a Lindsay high school. Lindsay's Wilson Fields would be required for hardball.

Rugby would also take place in Lindsay, while lawn bowling would be done in Bobcageon. The games also require that aquatic events take place in an Olympicsized pool, of which there are only five in the province.

The transportation is a huge, huge issue," Casey said, explaining that while about 28 buses were required for the shuttling of 1,000 athletes and spectators during the 2011 Winterfest Ontario Seniors' Games held in the county, some 60 buses would be required to shuttle around the 3,500 people the youth games would draw. Upgrades to facilities would also be required - improvements to lighting, the construction of dugouts, etc. - which would be borne by the lower tiers.

"There will be costs inquired to each of the townships," Casey said.

Constructing a starting gate for the BMX races alone would cost about \$20,000. Casey put together bids for the county for the 2010 youth games and the 2011 Winterfest, providing about 500 hours of work

A lot of the standards we can meet but there are some events that would have to take place outside the county.

— Dennis Casey

for free. This time around, he's requesting a sum of \$6,500 and was quick to express he wouldn't be upset if the county could find someone who'd do the work for less. No councillors took issue with the fee, but there were some concerns with other aspects. Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid was skeptical about the fact the county didn't seem to have appropriate venues for a number of events, although Casey pointed out there

were only about five events of more than 30 the county couldn't host within its borders. Reid wondered about partnering with the City of Kawartha Lakes on the bid.

This would include splitting the \$200,000 the host community is required to set aside in case of shortfall.

Last year's Winterfest didn't end up costing the county anything and the estimated economic impact to the area was \$1.4 mil-

While councillors are hoping to pick up a Haliburton County Development Corporation grant to cover the expense of the bid, they likely wouldn't know about the fate of the grant until April. The deadline for the bid is May. "And it's not enough time," Casev said.

Councilllors seemed to agree that they wouldn't proceed with the bid unless the City of Kawartha Lakes is interested in a partnership and expect to hear back within a number of weeks. There are three other communities who have submitted letters of intent to host the games, one of them Muskoka. The winning community will be announced in August.



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Tourism stakeholders decry cuts

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

A number of Haliburton County's tourism stakeholders are unhappy with council's decision to reduce its tourism department's budget for 2012.

That decision was made at January meeting.

With department director Bob Smith set to retire in April, approximately \$80,000 was removed from the department's budget, dropping it to about \$395,000 for the year.

The reduced budget and the fact there doesn't seem to be a plan to replace Smith concerned Dale Rider at Buttermilk Falls Resort enough that she sent an email to others in the tourism industry, asking them to email council if they too were worried by the reduction.

Councillors received more than 20 emails ahead of their Feb. 22 meeting from some of the county's tourism movers and shakers.

From restaurateurs to accommodators to lower-tier municipal staff, people wrote emails expressing their dismay at the deci-

"The last time I checked, this county was tourism-driven," wrote Bill Dewey, agency owner at WRD Cottage Rentals. "Get with the program and do what you were elected to do, which is to get us all through another summer season of prosperity with enough money left over to get us all through another six months of winter despair. Cutting the tourism budget by \$80,000 is not the way to do it."

Dysart et al Reeve and county Warden Murray Fearrey recounted how the county had come to the current situation.

With a push on economic development, the county hired Smith in 2005, and before long, what had been a one-employee department, was a three-person one.

Last year, councillors decided to restructure the department, shedding economic development responsibilities to the lowertier townships to concentrate on tourism promotion.

Smith's departure will leave the department with two staff.

While Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol

Moffatt, the only councillor who'd voted to keep the \$80,000 in the budget, has said it will be very difficult to put the money back in the budget after removing it, Fearrey disagreed.

"You should budget what you need," he said. "The confusion to me comes [in] what we do moving forward."

Since technology, especially social media, is changing the nature of tourism marketing, Fearrey said the county needs to make a thorough analysis of how it moves forward and whether methods it's used in the past are worth continuing.

"Do we need an info booth over there?" he asked, referring to the county-operated information centre on Highway 35 in Minden, and noting that phone calls were down by 35 per cent.

'We need to hear from the stakeholders," Fearrey said. "There's all those things that need to be answered. I kind of resent the little email stuff that's going around. We're not gutting the tourism budget."

Councillors are discussing hosting a town hall meeting with stakeholders, similar to one held two years ago, to figure out what direction the community would like to see the department move in.

Fearrey, pointing out there are a number of groups that do tourism promotion to some degree within the county, said there needed to be more cohesion.

"Everybody's working in a silo," he said. Moffatt, who maintained dropping the \$80,000 from the budget was a bad idea, said the reduction was being seen as a permanent cut to the department by the

"That's what people think," she said. "The fact is people are passionate about this and they do see it as a cut."

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid, who worked for decades in the marketing industry, had concerns about the way the department had been operating, specifically its overhead-to-working-capital

"The ratio in this department . . . I've never seen in my marketing career," Reid said. "It's a question of can the activities be delivered to the target market?"

Reid said the shift to social media was advantageous for the county, since it didn't have the means to compete with other destinations through more traditional advertising methods.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen, noting her township was looking into the creation of a strategic plan, wondered what had happened to a similar process the county had started for itself a few years back.

"We really do have a lack of a plan all the way around," Danielsen said. "It is the whole lack of plan that is creating our ongoing problems."

Conceding she would die on the hill of the \$80,000, Moffatt wondered if \$20,000 or \$25,000 could be allotted for the development of new county websites.

"Our websites are a disaster," Moffatt said, calling them outdated.

"You're probably right about the website," Fearrey said.

"I am," Moffatt responded.

Councillors were amenable to pulling money from reserves for the development of a new online presence.

With losses in provincial funding, the county is passing a tight budget for 2012, with the treasurer and department heads still looking for savings.



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Minden Hills passes budget

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during the Feb. 23 meeting of Minden Hills council.

Councillors passed the township's 2012 budget, which contains approximately \$10.6 million in expenditures, \$5.6 million of which will be raised through taxation. The budget includes a two per cent tax levy increase.

Rigney trail moves ahead

While they'd already agreed to do so earlier in the year, councillors officially voted to rename the new trail section of Snowdon Park after former Reeve Ross Rigney and set aside \$1,000 in the 2012 budget for purposes of signage. Rigney, the last reeve of Snowdon township and the first reeve of the amalgamated Minden Hills, bought land for an expansion of the park with his own money and deeded it to the township. The stroke survivor died last November after a battle with prostate cancer.

Spink application approved

Councillors voted to approve an official plan amendment to allow the construction of a small washroom on an aging Mountain Lake cottage to replace a leaky outhouse at

The county had expressed concern the move would be violating Minden Hills's official plan, but neighbours said they would much rather see an exception made than for the use of the outhouse to con-

Planning matters are ultimately subject to county approval.

Use of logo approved

Council is allowing the owners of Pharmasave to use the Minden Hills logo on a billboard they will be putting up south of Minden. The billboard will not only advertise the pharmacy, but Minden's downtown and cultural institutions. The township retains the right to approve us of the logo on a per-request basis.

Legislature back

Laurie Scott

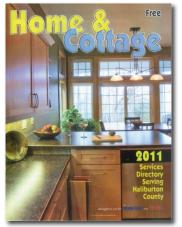
MPP, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Broc k

Much has happened in the last few weeks. I have continued to meet with constituents in the riding of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock on a wide range of issues and attended many official and community events throughout the riding. My office has been busy helping people sort through the maze of government bureaucracy, on a never ending array of issues and problems.

In my role as PC critic for natural resources, I have met with numerous stakeholder groups, ranging from aggregate to forestry, to fishing and hunting on topics such as the Endangered Species Act and the potentially negative impact on farming operations. We are also still pushing the government for a moratorium on the further building of industrial wind turbines. However, so far the government seems more intent on following an ideological path to green energy with little or no regard for the potential harm to humans, animals and the environment. It is especially troubling that as a province we are currently producing more energy than we need yet continuing with expensive green energy projects.

This session of the Legislature will no doubt be a raucous one, dominated by the recent report on government services by economist Don Drummond. This document, which was tabled on Feb. 15, paints a bleak picture of the Ontario economy, which is far worse than we thought. Mr. Drummond states that unless drastic measures are taken by the Government, Ontario's deficit will climb to an astronomical level of \$30 Billion by 2017...the same year that Premier McGuinty and Finance Minister Dwight Duncan promised to balance the budget. According to Drummond, Ontario's debt will soar to \$411 billion during the same period. This is shocking news for all of us.

My colleagues and I have been calling for an immediate freeze on public sector wages, which accounts for the biggest share of government spending. We also pushed vigorously for a modernization of the apprenticeship program in Ontario, to produce more skilled journeymen who would fill much needed private sector jobs and stimulate the economy to a more healthy level. We combined with the NDP to try and get the government to provide Ontarians with relief on their soaring hydro bills by removing the provincial portion of the HST on home heating. Ontario is in what could be the most dangerous economic situation in its history. Will the premier take the decisive action that is needed? Only time will tell.



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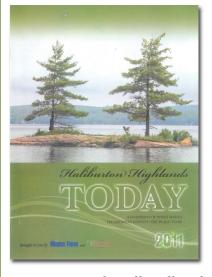




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28th Rockbuster spiel a huge success

Don Pflug

Special to the *Times*

Friday evening saw 96 curlers from Elmira, Fenelon Falls, Haliburton, Lindsay, Oshawa, Port Perry, Scarborough, Sudbury, Toronto, Whitby and of course Minden, converge on the Minden Curling Club to compete in the 28th annual Rockbuster Men's Open Bonspiel.

There was an electricity of excitement in the air as the 24 teams renewed acquaintances while waiting for the start of a weekend of curling, feasting, fun and prizes.

The camaraderie among the players, the laughter, the raffles, the great breakfasts and the Saturday evening prime rib feast as well as some great curling competition are the reasons why this event is so well attended.

A team from Oshawa, all funeral directors, have a distinctive team name The Grim Sweepers.

All teams start equally and then according to wins and losses, teams are slotted into A, B, C and D events.

All teams are guaranteed three games, however, a loss in the third game or any game thereafter results in elimination.

The winning team of the A event and the overall winners of the 28th annual Rockbuster Curling Bonspiel hail from Oshawa. Skipped by Steve Park with vice Bill Showler, second Greg Park and lead Jim Moore they are proud to win the Prentice Power Sports Trophy.

The B event, sponsored by Minden Subaru, was captured by the team from Elmira skipped by Bob Clark, with team members, John Kendall, Brian Blaxall and Les

The C event honours, sponsored by Garbutt Disposal, went to another team from Oshawa skipped by Davis Whetmore with team members Ron Haney, Brian Smith and Wayne Smith.

The D event winners sponsored by Dollo's Foodland hail from the Whitby curling club with Andrew Gray as skip and team members Jeff Solly, Bryce Jordan and Don

Mitchell.

Iain Kay, convener of the event, expressed his thanks and appreciation to the sponsors of the Rockbuster, namely, Prentice Power Sports, Minden Subaru, Garbutt Disposal and Dollo's Foodland, and everyone who donated items for the

In his closing remarks, Kay expressed his thanks and deep appreciation for the many volunteers whose tireless time and efforts contributed to the success of this event and finally to the curlers themselves for their continued support of this event.

The 29th Rockbuster will be held the weekend of Feb. 22 to 24, 2013. Put it on your calendar, you won't want to miss it.



A event winners and overall winners of the 28th Rockbuster, from Oshawa Golf and Curling Club from left, skip, Steve Park, vice, Bill Showler, second, Greg Park and lead, Jim Moore.



B event winners from the Elmira Curling Club from left: skip, Bob Clark, vice, John Kendall, second, Brian Blaxall and lead, Les Hammell.



C event winners from the Oshawa Curling Club from left: skip, David Whetmore, vice, Ron Haney, second, Brian Smith and lead, Wayne Smith.



D event winners from the Whitby Curling Club from left: skip, Andrew Gray, vice, Jeff Solly, second, Bryce Jordan and lead, Don Mitchell.

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Red Hawks wrestlers qualify for OFSAA

Friday, Feb. 17

The Red Hawk snowboarding team competed in the COSSA championships held at

Sir Sam's, where 19 students qualified for the upcoming OFSAA meet. The boys' team finished the day as COSSA champions, while the girls' team captured second and third place.

Wednesday, Feb. 22

The varsity girls' hockey team travelled to Peterborough to compete in the Kawartha/COSSA play-offs. Cobourg West proved to be a strong team and eliminated the Hawks.

Thursday, Feb. 23

The wrestling team performed well at

the COSSA championships, with 11 Red Hawks placing in the top four of their weight class. The women's team placed second amongst all COSSA schools. Earning bronze were Zane Zondervan and Nichole Honderich. Silver medallists included Lily Coneybeare, Kayla Gardiner, Bailey Walker, and Keith Burley. Liz Toth came home as the COSSA champ. Congratulations to Keith, Zane, Bailey,

Liz, Nichole, and

Lily who have qualified for the OFSAA championships.

The boys' Red Hawks hockey team travelled to Cobourg West for Game 1 of a two-game series. After being down 1-0 late in the second period, the boys turned it up a notch and came out with a 4-1 vic-

See page 17 for coverage of Game 2.

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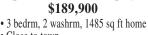
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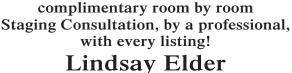








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Red Hawks headed to Kawartha Championship

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

The first nine seconds said it all.

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Red Hawks came out strong and never looked back as they took on the Cobourg West Vikings in the Kawartha semi-finals on Feb. 27 at the Dysart arena in Haliburton.

The Hawks played strong throughout the 45-minute game to win by a final score of 8-3.

Centre Brett Yake scored the first goal a mere nine seconds after the puck was dropped, bringing the cheering crowd to their feet in a wave of excitement.

The cheers continued to come as the Hawks scored three more times in the first period, with goals by Tanner Hamilton, Chris Hall and Nick Hunter.

Hawks goalie Andrew Elia was able to keep the Vikings at bay throughout the first 15 minutes, ending the period with a 4-0 lead.

However the Vikings did not give up hope and started off the second period strong, scoring a mere six minutes into the

Another six minutes later the Vikings scored again, turning the game in their favour.

Strong goalie attendance by the Cobourg West team resulted in a scoreless period for the Red Hawks, who ended the second period up by only two goals.

Following the intermission, the Red Hawks got their groove back and reclaimed their home ice advantage, scoring two goals in the first five minutes of the period, courtesy of Nathan Feir and Brett Yake. The Vikings were able to put the puck in one more time before the end of the period but could not keep $% \left\{ \mathbf{n}^{\prime}\right\} =\mathbf{n}^{\prime}$ the Hawks away from their net, allowing two more goals by Drake Montgomery and Nick Hunter. With one minute left to play emotions ran high as a fight erupted between the teams, resulting in the ejection of Viking player M. Fast from the game. Not willing to lose focus the Red Hawks plowed ahead,



Angelica Blenich Staff

Players from the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Red Hawks and the Cobourg West Vikings reach for the puck during the Kawartha semi-finals on Feb. 27 at the Dysart arena in Haliburton.

The Red Hawks won the game with a final score of 8-3. The team heads to the championship game, to be played on March 1 in Haliburton.

winning the game with a convincingly.

The win advances the team to the Kawartha championship, to be played in Haliburton on March 1 at 1:45 p.m. The victory was achieved through teamwork and discipline, with each member of the team contributing to the final outcome, said coach Ron Yake. "We moved the puck around well and got some nice goals. Overall the guys played well," he said.

Coming back in the third period made all the difference in the turnaround for the Hawks, said the coach.

"It was good to get that fifth goal. It was probably the big-

gest goal of the game, it got us back into the swing of things," said Yake. It had not yet been determined who the Red Hawks would play in the championship game at press time. Following the landslide win Yake was confident going into the final game of the playoffs, before heading to COSSA on March 6 in Belleville.

"We've had a tremendous season, we'll try to keep the ball rolling here."

Regardless of Thursday's outcome both teams are heading to COSSA next week, said Yake.

Bernt Fiebiger

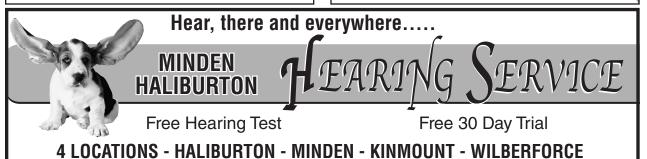
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Examining negative messages in nursery rhymes



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If you are anything like me you might be feeling a little sluggish after a long winter - not a bad winter - just overly long! If so, you still have time to register for the Winterfest yoga session which will be held at the Club 35 hall in Halls Lake every Tuesday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. March 6 to 27.

You can learn important yoga breathing techniques, stretches and mediation that really help to rejuvenate and restore tired muscles. Hard strenuous exercises have never worked for me, but the smooth easy yoga movements provide the same benefits without knocking yourself out.

The subsidized cost of \$5 per class per person is a steal considering that the regular fee is \$15 for the same program. This is an all-level yoga course from beginner to advanced geared to the over 55s but everyone is welcome. Yikes! I still don't see me in that bracket but I'm in good company!

OK what else ... information contact would be nice! You can either call 705-766-9968 or by e-mail at drc@algonquinhighlands.ca. Registration is a must - please!Yoga will be necessary for me because between working in Toronto and organizing the BIG "Shirts and Shades" spring bash that we are having at the Carnarvon Bowl and Restaurant on March 10 I will need to regroup the mind and body connection! It's coming up really fast so I want to make sure that you are planning to attend so I



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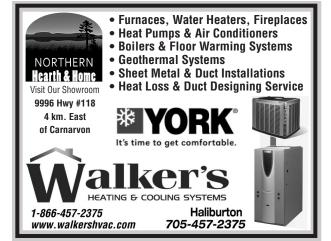


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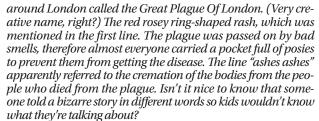
will hound you until then. This evening will start at 8 p.m. with delicious homemade appetizers, dancing and more food will happen at 9 p.m. with Jamie Bacon as the DJ with a fantastic music selection. It is an evening packed with fun stuff such as door prizes and a great silent auction. No hint at what is being offered so you have to come and see for yourself. This is a fundraiser for Community Living Haliburton County so I hope the place will be packed! We are only asking for \$10 per person and this includes food, music and a great dance floor to shake, rattle and roll!

Isn't it about time for this dance? I always say you can't dance too much! So the theme is spring so get out your favourite spring fun attire and plan to attend! Need more info? Call the Carnarvon Bowl and Restaurant at 705-489-4216 where you will hear the cheerful voice of either Chris or Crystal or contact me. Now I would like to share my granddaughter Alyssa Stiver's speech that she had to deliver in front of her class. Alyssa was very nervous about delivering her speech to the class but I told her my reassuring story of when I was in grade - who remembers - and doing my speech. It had to do with the future and I decided to write about how appliances would be more "automated" and when I got in front of the class in my nervous state I said "atomic" instead. At least the class was laughing! This is one of those times my face must have turned deep red and possible if I could have I would have liked to have disappeared. Not much of an encouraging story to tell Alyssa but it was after I shared it that I realized it might not have been the best idea. Anyways, everything went well with her experience and the next time shouldn't be so hard.

So here it is, Alyssa researched and wrote it herself and now maybe I should worry about my job.

"Have you ever listened to a nursery rhyme really carefully? Well, probably more than half of the nursery rhymes out there are violent or bizarre. Like the three blind mice with their tails being cut off. Or the three Little Pigs, with the wolf eating them. I'm sure not many people would realize how weird and violent most fairy tales or nursery rhymes can be. And parents used to and still do - sing these to their kids.

An example of an absurd nursery rhyme is Ring Around The Rosey: Ring around the rosey, a pocket full of posies, Ashes, ashes we all fall down. Well, in 1665 there was a plague roaming



Another example of an absurd nursery rhyme would be Rock a Bye Baby. Singing to a baby or a kid about a baby's craddle stranded in a branch is one thing. But singing to a baby about a baby's craddle falling out of a tree and the baby falls to the ground is working its way to the disturbing side. If I were three or four and my mom put me to sleep with that nursery rhyme, it would give me nightmares ... thinking about a mother who would be cruel enough to put her kid in a tree so he or she can plummet to the ground at any given moment like a barrel of lead.

We've all heard of the three blind mice, right?

So, it's already bad that they're blind. When it says three blind mice, see how they run, it could almost seem like it's teasing the mice. If that is considered teasing, why would we teach small kids about teasing mice? Or, not just mice. Anyways, the rest of this nursery rhyme, hmm, basically tells us that these blind mice went to the wrong place at the wrong time. In repayment of visiting the wrong person at the wrong time ... they lost their tails from the wife of the carver. How nice is that? That's like bullying! She clearly didn't like these mice, and dealt with their invasion in an

Those are few little facts, let's call them details, about different nursery rhymes that are different and bizarre another one is:

From, Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary- silverbells and cockleshells -which are mentioned in the rhyme- were torturing devices used in the late 1800s. Also the maiden, which is also in the nursery rhyme, was used to behead people in that old age of time as well. So, there you have it. How weird some nursery rhymes can be. But, whoever's creating these rhymes, "you need some common sense in you. I mean, why can't you write a rhyme about something little kids like, like flowers or candy. But, I don't think singing to kids about death, and babies falling out of trees is the best idea anymore. People are catching on, ya know? - Alyssa







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Patti Fleury Around the Town

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My mid-January birthday gift from David, Rita and Emma was a KOBO-VOX electronic reader. While still very much in a learning mode I have now finished two books and find the lighted screen makes reading so much easier.

Bruce, on the other hand, is enjoying the hard copy first volume in a two part series on Canada's first prime minister. Titled John A. - The Man Who Made Us by Richard Gwyn we follow the early years from 1815 to 1867 tracing John's arrival from Scotland with his family as a young boy, his growing up in Kingston, Ont. and his entry into law and later politics.

I can't help but imagine Sir John A. as an invisible backbencher watching the latest intrigues unfolding in our House of Commons and the impact of social media on these events.

A true Scot eating his porridge standing, cold and with salt his Twitter might read that phrase often used in comedy skits about the royals "he was not amused."

Now for those of Irish descent plus all the others who wish they were, the Legion branch 441, Kinmount will be holding a St. Patrick's Day dance on Saturday, March 17 at 8 p.m. with a DJ on hand to provide a variety of your musical favourites. The cost is only \$5/person for the dance, a luncheon and prizes and be sure to wear green for a chance to win an extra prize. Non-members are welcome to join in the fun at this age of majority event.

The popular monthly big bucks bid euchre comes up on Wednesday, March 21 starting at 11 a.m. The cost is only \$10 which includes a delicious lunch. Then on Friday, March 23 at 6:45 p.m. it will be a special Easter Bingo with prizes of hams, turkeys and cash plus a \$500 must go jackpot. Legion members please note that the general meeting for March is on Thursday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m.

There are still a few tickets left for the dinner and auction in support of the Kinmount Gazette and the Victoria Pony Club this Saturday, March 3. Please note that the event has been relocated to the Kinmount Community Centre as renovations continue to improve accessibility at the Galway

The doors will open at 5 p.m. for a social hour and chance to view the auction items then a delicious hot ham and scalloped potatoes dinner plus homemade dessert will follow at six o'clock. Tickets are \$12/person and for information on tickets or donating to the auction please call Doug 705-488-2547.

On a separate note Doug reports that the Kinmount Winterfest celebration this past weekend was a great success being blessed with a perfect winter day.

The cold temperatures held the natural ice surface in the arena in perfect condition for the skating/hockey events with plenty of snow outdoors for a fun filled family program. Again much appreciation to the many volunteers who give so generously of their time to make these community happenings.

Just a reminder to members of the Kinmount and Area Artisans Guild that the annual general meeting for the year 2011 will be held this Sunday, March 4 in the Kinmount Community Centre starting at 2 p.m. All members are urged to attend to receive relevant reports and to learn more about the Customer Service Standards for Persons with Disabilities legislated by the province in 2005 and now in effect as of January 2012.

Please plan to participate and share your ideas with regard to the marketplace and increasing its exposure during these difficult economic times.

Until next week...

Notices



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Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation has openings for new Directors – local residents and cottage owners who are anxious to help build on the outstanding health services currently provided in the county. HHHS operates facilities in Minden and Haliburton providing emergency services, acute care and long term care. As well, HHHS provides countywide mental health, diabetes education and supportive housing

HHHS is privileged to have an outstanding team of health professionals and modern facilities. Challenges persist in attracting new staff, meeting the needs of our aging population and, anticipating and planning for the

The HHHS board strives to bring together a group of individuals with knowledge of the community. All property owners in Haliburton County are welcome to apply. HHHS is particularly interested in hearing from people with knowledge and interest in any of the following areas

- · planning and delivery of quality and accessible health services
- public relations / communications
- · business / financial management and strategic planning
- participating on a community board

If you feel you have the time, energy and commitment to be a Director, then we would like to hear from you by March 30, 2012. The new Directors will be appointed at the annual general meeting in June.

For further information and an application package, please access our website at: www.hhhs.on.ca/ administration & contacts / board & oversight

Or contact: Marlene Vieira

Executive Assistant to President & CEO and the Board of Directors. HHHS

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NOTICE TO TRUCKERS 2012 SPRING LOAD RESTRICTIONS

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For this restriction, the province is divided, west to east, by a line formed by the Severn

River to Regional Rd. 169; Regional Rd. 169 from Washago to Hwy. 12; Hwy. 12, from Regional Rd. 169 to Hwy. 7, north of Sunderland; Hwy. 7, from Hwy. 12 to Regional Rd. 7B at Carleton Place; Regional Rd. 7B to Hwy. 15; and Regional Rd. 29 to Arnprior.

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- Muskoka/Parry Sound District boundary, north of Highway 141 at Rosseau

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In the Management Statement for Clear Lake Conservation Reserve **Dawson Ponds and Plastic Lake Conservation Reserve**

Did you know?

By the MNR not acknowledging pre-existing uses in the Clear Lake Reserve we are being denied:

- Winter access to Rabbit Lake
- Winter access from Red Pine Lake to Nunikani Lake.
- the right to have cache boats on six lakes

within the Clear Lake Conservation Reserve (MNR Fire has used these cached boats to access fires on some of these lakes)

 the right of anglers and hunters to continue to use the preexisting

trails with their ATV or snowmobiles to access remote locations.

 The right to groom snow on these pre existing trails for the benefits of skiing, snow-shoeing, hiking and other recreational uses.

The friends of the Clear Lake (Conservation Area) Heritage Trails Association (FCLHTA) are holding a public meeting to gain support or the above concerns.

Date: Saturday March 10, 2012 Location: West Guilford Community Centre, County Rd 7 West **Guilford On**

Time: 10:00-12:00 PM

For further information contact the Clear Lake (Conservation Area) Heritage Trails Association through Major Peter W Hewitt (retired) 705-754-0521 mpihewitt@sympatico.ca or Professor Mike Brook McMaster University michael.a.brook@gmail.com

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Coming Events

MINDEN & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

MONTHLY MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 6TH AT 1 P.M. AT THE

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Student numbers decline at board

Dave Flaherty

QMI Agency

Despite enrollment numbers projected to decline for schools across the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB), board officials do not see this as having negative effects on students. Catherine Shedden, manager of communications for the TLDSB, said enrollment numbers are monitored regularly and reviewed annually. A report provided by TLDSB superintendent of business Bob Kaye at the Feb. 14 committee of the whole meeting projects enrollment will decline at most schools by 2016-17. The report indicated

You are invited to join in the celebration of



The World Day of Prayer

On Friday, March 2nd At 2 pm

Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle Street, Minden. The theme is "Let Justice Prevail". The service was written by the women of Malaysia.

Everyone Welcome

there are a handful of schools in the TLDSB system that are currently operating at an enrollment rate of lower than 50 per cent of their ministry-approved capacity. It was also projected in the report that overall enrollment will continue to drop over the next five years.

Shedden said at schools where enrollment may be low, the board works at encouraging community partnerships in the buildings to make the best use of the facility. If it came to a point where declining enrollment was having an effect on student programming, there is a process mandated by the Ministry of Education to review any schools, called a Pupil Accommodation Review by the TLDSB, Shedden said. "At this time, there are no plans for an accommodation review at any school in our board," Shedden wrote in an email.

Stanhope Soccer League Registration

Tuesday, March 13 from 7 to 9pm and Saturday, March 31 from 10am to 12pm

Boys and Girls Ages 5 to 14 as of June 19, 2012 Stanhope Fire Fighter's Hall North Shore Road, Carnarvon **Important** Bring Your Health Card Volunteer Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Student Coaches needed Please call the Recreation Department at

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community What's happening in the County



Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or to the Halibuton Highlands Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

- Jan 15-March 4th The Canadian Association for Disabled Skiing (CADS) will run a low cost Sunday programme for children and adults who have any form of disability, ie. physical, social, visible. Age is no problem. A pre-programme registration is required. Our 2012 programme begins at Sir Sams January 15th at 9:30am. and concluded by 3pm. or when the student shows signs of fatigue. Volunteers with average skiing ability are welcome to participate in the programme. For more information call Terry Maher 705-457-9604
- Feb 28 Yoga at the Library with Linda Shadbolt from 4-5p, in the Howard Roberts Room Admission by donation to the
- March 2-5 Winter Folk Camp: at YMCA Camp Wanakita for more information call Thom Lambert at 705-457-9110 or
- March 16: Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary's St' Patrick's Day Lunch in the Legion Hall, 11.30 1.30. Adults \$8.00, 12 and under \$4.00
- Community Care Haliburton County Social Recreation (in the drop-in centre) Wii games Tuesday 9:30 a.m. noon Contract Bridge – Monday 1-4 p.m. Cribbage – Fridays 1 – 4 p.m. For any additional information call 705-457-2941 Ext.
- Haliburton Highlands Hand Weavers & Spinners Guild meet at the Zion United Church, Carnarvon on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm For more information call Marian Gillanders at 705-489-3574
- Help to Preserve our History with a veterans museum Wanted: British, Canadian or German WWI and WWII items Uniforms, helmets and caps and metals, photographs, shells and weapons Please do not donate money. Items broken or in part are welcome. Contact Martin Hofland at 705-457-2382
- Minden Food Bank is in desperate need of more volunteers. For any one interested they can call the Food Bank from 9-4 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays or by emailing us at mindencommunityfoodbank@bellnet.ca . Thanks in advance

- Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636 will be hosting a musical performance by The Kellett Family on Saturday, March 3 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.. The afternoon includes 'Open Mic' time for anyone that want to take the stage and there will be meat draws with tickets purchased at the event. The public is invited to join us at the intersection of Hwy #35 and County Road #21.
- Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636 is looking for volunteers to help out in the branch kitchen. If you can spare a few hours each week to help the Legion continue their support to the community and the membership please call the branch at 705-286-4541. It will be much appreciated.
- SMART Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together is a safe, gentle exercise program to maintain strength, balance and flexibility. \$2 per session. In Minden Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. in Hyland Crest auditorium. Thursdays in Haliburton at Echo Hills at 1:00pm. To register call Carol at 705-286-2500 ext. 265 or Melanie Therrien (VON) at 800-743-6255 ex 6451.
- TOASTMASTERS meet at the Minden United Church Wednesdays at 7pm Everyone Welcome ages 18 80. What is TOASTMASTERS? Visit www.toastmasters.org
- Volunteer Recruitment: Community Care City of Kawartha Lakes Health and Support Services is currently recruiting volunteers Training provided. Contact Eileen MacCormack, 705-324-7323, ext. 274 or emaccormack@ community-care.on.ca.The Minden Food Bank is in desperate need of more volunteers. For any one interested they can call the Food Bank from 9-4 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays or by emailing us at mindencommunityfoodbank@bellnet. ca . Thanks in advance for your assistance.

Events listings are provided FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be emailed to jmceathron@mindentimes.ca or brought in to the office.

Please submit events by the Wednesday prior to the requested publication date.

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

Fit 4 Life yoga now available on Tuesdays



Melissa Alfano

Dorset News

705-766-0076 melalfano@hotmail.com

Congratulations to Geana Demone who won the Dorset Heritage 50/50 draw at the Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival. Geana won \$102! Way to go!

Congratulations also to all the winners of the three age categories of the annual snow shoe races at Snowball. Winners included Graham Johnson, David Johnson, Wyatt Black, Elias Platts-Boyle and Jason Maye.

Thank you to all the volunteers and sponsors who contribute so much to ensure the continued success of the best winter carnival around.

A Snowball debriefing meeting will be held at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Thursday, March 8 at 7 p.m. and all are welcome. Come and share your thoughts about how things went and bring your ideas for how we can make things even better next year.

Fit 4 Life classes continue throughout Algonquin Highlands. Classes are geared to those ages 55 and up although all are welcome. Registration in all classes is required by emailing drc@algonquinhighlands.ca or calling 705-766-9968 and all classes are \$5 per class.

Fit 4 Life yoga is available on Tuesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. at Club 35 (Hwy 35 at Halls Lake about 30 kilometres south of Dorset) from March 6 to 27. The last Dorset class is on Wednesday, Feb. 29 from 10 to 11 a.m.

A six week Fit 4 Life session of tai chi will be taking place on Fridays at the Dorset Recreation Centre from 10 to 11 a.m. from March 16 to April 27 (no class April 6).

And exciting news! Lorraine VanLuit will be returning to Dorset for a Fit 4 Life exercise class, 4 weeks on Fridays from May 4 to 25 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The next Dorset Community Partnership meeting is on March 5 at the Dorset Seniors' Centre starting at 7 p.m. and all are welcome



THOSE OTHER MOVIES



Thursday, March 8/12:

MONSIEUR LAZHAR

MONSIEUR LAZHAR, Canada's Oscar entry, is a touching film about the relation between a new teacher and his young students who are struggling with the lost of their late teacher. Beautifully acted, sensitively directed, "the film is a small, quiet drama that sneaks up on you and delivers an impressive emotional wallop." French with English subtitles - 92 Min - Rated

Coming next.... Thursday, April12/12: THE DECENDANTS Thursday, May 10/12: MY WEEK WITH MARILYN Thursday, June 14/12 THE ARTIST (To be confirmed) 2 shows - 4:15 & 7:15 - Tickets \$8.00 at the door Northern Light Pavilion, Haliburton High School More info: www.haliburton-movies.com

Saturday, May 5/12: Doc(k) Days - A one day documentary film festival

Our friends over at Oxtongue Lake have invited all to join the fun at the Algonquin Snowmobile Club annual fish derby on Saturday, March 3. Please pre-register at the General Store before 8 a.m. Saturday. The cost is \$5 per person and open to all ages. For more information, contact Marlene at 705-635-9816. There will be a pancake breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., chili and hot chocolate from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and awards will be presented at the end of the day, all at the Oxtongue Lake Community Centre.

March 5 will be the first official gathering of the Dorset Community Choir.

All are welcome to join the group who will be meeting at the Dorset Recreation Centre on the first and third Monday of the month from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

The cost to participate is \$1 per person per meeting. To find out more, give Susan a call at 705-766-1973.

ation centre at 705-766-9968.

Dorset Ladies' Night is taking place on Tuesday, March 6 and the theme is purses. For more information or to sign up, please call the recre-Dorset artist Elizabeth Johnson invites you to visit her new website and blog. The blog features a weekly post that discusses art and Elizabeth's life as an artist. The website contains a photo gallery of Elizabeth's recent work, a short film about Elizabeth in The Art Room (her new studio/gallery) and other information pertaining to her paintings. The website can be found at www.ejohnsonart.com and the blog at www.ejohnsonart.wordpress. Birthday wishes for the week of Feb. 26 to March 3 go out to Sarah Jane Gibbs (nee Johnson), James Radley, Ted Morris and Aubrey Keown. For all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special



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DUANE HICKS

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occasions this week, have fun on your special day!

Coming Events

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please

email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at



705-766-0076.

Minden Bible Church

Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Speaker: Brian Plouffe

Family Lunch Served "Come and See What God is Doing"

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The thought now is to embrace R.D. Lawrence's philosophy about the environment, such as: "Nature can be the salvation of mankind, if we ever come to understand its workings, and respect all life."

Today I am aware that man must, if he is to survive, learn to tolerate the many other life forms that share his habitat. And if he is to tolerate them, he must understand them and he must also understand himself and the part that he plays within the circle of life." - R.D. Lawrence, from Cry Wolf

From this a strong, clear mandate can be developed from which all programming and future considerations of the R.D. Lawrence Place can be derived.

The anticipated hiring and direction from a full time curator, scheduled for April, will help finalize these ideas. The restructuring of the staff positions also fulfills funding requirements.

Nothing can happen overnight when changes occur in a municipally operated institution. There are many steps that need to be followed. The Minden Hills Cultural Centre Advisory Committee now encourages the community to come forward with ideas for the R.D. Lawrence Place. We will be inviting similar groups to have input as to how collaborations can occur.

It is our goal to ensure the Minden Hills Cultural Centre becomes the best it can be, to enhance and preserve the important collections that reflect the lives of Minden heritage and two important people in Canadian history.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

For an Administrative Assistant

(This is a full time 1-year maternity leave contract)

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce (HHCC) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting and supporting its member businesses. The organization is looking for an energetic and enthusiastic individual, capable of dealing professionally and efficiently with the public and Chamber

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Email: rosemarie@haliburtonchamber.com

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If interested in either of these opportunities, please submit a resume in confidence by March 9, 2012 to:

> Human Resources Haliburton Highlands Health Services Box 115, Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0 kbaird@hhhs.on.ca Fax: 705-457-2398 www.hhhs.on.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest, however only those candidates chosen for interviews will be contacted.

Bantam B girls defeated by Whitby Wolves

The Minden Car Ouest Highland Storm Bantam B girls finished the weekend tied at a game each against their round two opponents - Whitby Wolves.

On Saturday in Minden, the Storm girls grinded out a win in their first game of the best of three series.

A lucky bounce pushed the Storm out ahead in the first period but Whitby fought back in the second and tied the game off a loose puck in the slot. Maddie Billings scored from the point on a late second period power play for the eventual game winner.

On Sunday night, the Storm girls travelled to Whitby for Game 2.

Whitby stepped up the level of play and out-hustled the Highland Storm girls for much of the game.

The girls could not seem to get going and even with a five-minute power-play, were unable to generate many scoring chances.

Erin Little had the sole Storm tally off a great battle beating the D and the tender to draw close, trailing 2-1. But Whitby proved to be too strong and defeated the

Game 3 will decide the winner in Minden Friday, March 2 at 8 p.m. Home ice has been a critical piece in the four games this year between the two clubs, with the home team winning each con-

Get ready for a 32-minute battle, Storm girls.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Tykes travel to Sunderland

Highland Storm Tykes travelled to Sunderland on Feb. 18. With both teams battling to win, we tied 2-2.

Damon Harriss scored the first goal followed by a Nick Phippen goal assisted by Hunter Winder.

We hosted our first home game against Gravenhurst on Feb. 19. First goal scored by Hunter Winder assisted by goalie Dylan Keefer. Second goal scored by Gage Hutchinson assisted by Damon Harriss. Third goal scored by duo Gage Hutchinson assisted by Damon Harriss. Final goal scored unassisted by Nick Phippen. Win-

Highland Storm Tykes travelled to Port Carling for a tournament on Feb. 26. Game 1 faced off against Parry Sound Sharks. First goal scored by Hunter Winder assisted by Nick Phippen and Kyan Hall. Battling back and forth Hunter Winder scored assisted by Kyan Hall and Nick Phippen. Another quick goal scored by Damon Harriss assisted by Matt Vargas and Emily Alexander.

Third period saw goals from Kyan Hall, assisted by Hunter Winder and Emily Alexander. Gage Hutchinson assisted by Damon Harriss and Matt Vargas. Nick Phippen assisted by Dylan Keefer and Ava Smith. Final goal scored by Kyan Hall assisted by Ty Mills and Nick Phippen.

Game 2 faced off against Bracebridge. Both teams equally matched our kids battling hard. Gage Hutchinson scored the first goal assisted by Matt Vargas.

Only for them to answer back with a goal of their own. Second period Damon Harriss passed the puck to Matt Vargas who shot it in the net. Third period Gage Hutchinson passes the puck to Matt Vargas who passed to Damon Harriss, he scores! Dylan Keefer made excellent moves in the pipes. Highland Storm wins 3-2. Off to play in the A Finals.

Highland Storm faces off against Port Carling. Matt Vargas scores. Gage Hutchinson scores assisted by Damon Harriss and Matt Vargas. Kyan Hall scores assisted by Hunter Winder. Nick Phippen scores assisted by Emily Alexander and Ryan Rupnow. Hunter Winder scores assisted by Nick Phippen and Kyan Hall.

h goal scored by Nick Phippen assisted by Hunter Winder and Kyan Hall. Final goal scored by Nick Phippen assisted by Kyan Hall and Hunter Winder. We won 7-3. Highland Storm Tykes A Champs.

The Tyke parents would like to say a big special congrats and thank you to Josh Shaw (coach) Ron Hall (trainer) Mike Billings (assistant coach) and Tim Keefer (helper) for all they have done for the

Tyke team this year. Submitted by Monica Keefer

Atom As lose in overtime 2-1

Saturday brought us to Game 5 of our quarter-final series, with another do or die situation staring us in the face. Those boys knew they had another hard weekend ahead, with a two-game must-win to advance to the semi finals.

We sure went out and played a great game, with heart and determination to win again this weekend, but unfortunately fell short by a goal losing in overtime 2-1.

Those boys have absolutely nothing to be sad about. They all played an amazing game, keeping the crowd on the edge of their seats.

With loads of shots and chances at scoring we just didn't get any lucky bounces. Also two goals called off for us, the boys found it in them to pick themselves up and carry on, and keep trying.

The defence did a great job as well keeping the puck away from our net. With lots of back checking, the other team had a hard time getting any shots off as well.

The goaltending was another hot spot on the ice throughout the entire game. With a lot of amazing saves, coming up big at crucial times to keep us in the

We found ourselves in a very familiar spot tied 1-1 after three periods of hockey. Going into overtime once again hoping to score a goal and keep us alive for a sixth game.

Overtime was a situation we didn't want to be in, but it was and we had to keep going, and those boys gave it their all. The refs were definitely not helping us out at all, finding ourselves with two boys in the box with two minutes left, and them with a two-man advantage.

We held them off until there were 25 seconds left in the game and they were lucky enough to get a goal and win the

A very sad ending to our season of playoffs but we gave it our all. Good work boys, be proud you all did well. Sponsored by Dollo's Foodland.

Submitted by Joanne Sisson

Peewee As win playoff game

Dr. Ed Smolen Family Dentistry sponsored Peewee As started their MPS (Muskoka-Parry Sound) playoffs this Sunday, Feb. 26 against the Huntsville Otters, in Huntsville.

The first game was on the big ice, and the Otters took a while to get into the game. The first goal was scored by Mark Saville assisted by Ethan Keefer and Kyle Cooper and the second goal also in the first was by Matt Wilbee assisted by Greg Crofts and Chase Burden. By the second

period it was a tie game of 3-3 with our third goal coming from Max MacNaull assisted by Chris Thompson.

Both teams were now playing hard but it looked like the Storm was having a little trouble covering the big ice, when they pulled ahead making it 4-3 at the end of the second with a goal by Chase Burden assisted by Matt Wilbee and Chris Thompson.

With both teams playing hard now and pretty much matching goal for goal, it left the fans wondering what was going to happen in the third. The teams came out and from the face off the Storm took the puck and within 57 seconds had scored two goals to make it 6-3.

The goals were by Chris Thompson assisted by Chase Burden and Matt Wilbee, and a beauty by Andrew Hall from the blue line, assisted by Kyle Cooper.

That is how the scoring stayed until the end of the game making it a win for the

This is the best two out of three game series, with the next game Sunday, March 4 at 1:30 p.m. in Haliburton.

Submitted by Karena Crofts

Bantam AEs face Huntsville in playoffs

The Dave's Landscaping/McKee Security Bantams hosted Huntsville on Sunday looking for a sweep of their two game round robin series.

The Storm struck first at 6:08 of the opening period when Brenden McKee poked home a rebound of a Jaydon Wood shot after some digging by Wood and Kyle Lavergne along the boards.

Hunter Bishop staked the Storm to a two goal lead when he finished off a nice passing play with Lucas Esson and Josh Rowden at the 3:36 mark.

The second period ended scoreless and the Storm went into the intermission leading by two.

The Otters scored early in the third and the lead was reduced to one.

Huntsville gained some momentum from the early goal and continued to apply pressure however goaltender Austin McKay was up for the challenge and turned aside every opportunity.

Damen Winder scored on a breakaway to restore the two goal lead, Bishop and Angus Sullivan drew the assists.

Jaydon Wood then followed with a backhand goal virtually putting the game away with Lavergne and McKee getting

Huntsville scored once more at the 1:21 mark on a power play but Bishop, with an assist to Drew Vanlieshout, scored his second of the game into an empty net to win the series two games to none.

The Storm will now face Parry Sound for the MPS championship at a date yet to be determined.

They will continue their OMHA playdowns with Brighton beginning next weekend.

Submitted by Doug Sullivan



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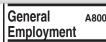
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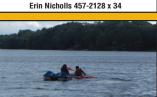
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